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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SYG WALDHEIM, NOVEMBER 15

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, I MET WITH HIM FOR ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR THIS NOON. HE FIRST WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY RECONCILIATION OF THE VIETNAM MATTER AND I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD VETO AND SUGGESTED THAT HE INFORM THE OTHERS THAT IT WAS RATHER FRUITLESS TO ARRANGE FOR IT TO COME UP AGAIN IN DECEMBER.

2. SECONDLY, HE WISHED TO REPORT ON PERSONNEL CHANGES IN GENEVA, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUEDAS AND CISS TO THE "THIRD AND FOURTH POSITIONS". HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT WINSPEARE'S TERM WILL BE UP IN JUNE AND THAT THE NUMBER TWO POSITION (COIDAN) WILL BE OPEN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1976, WHEN THE PRESENT OCCUPANT RETIRES. I INQUIRED ABOUT WHETHER HE PLANNED TO REORGANIZE THE GENEVA SET-UP AND HE INFORMED ME THAT DEBATIN'S REPORT HAD SUGGESTED ELIMINATING THE NUMBER TWO POSITION AND HAVE THE NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER FOUR REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL (WINSPEARE). THE SYG HAS NOT DECIDED UPON THIS AND I SUGGESTED
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THAT THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE SOME INPUT ON THIS SCORE.

HE WELCOMED THAT AND I OFFERED TO TALK WITH HIM
IN ABOUT A WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

3. THE SYG ALSO REFERRED TO THE VOLKOV VISIT
AND SAID THAT MRS. SCHWAAB HAD COME OVER AND MET
WITH HIM, DAVIDSON AND DEBATIN LAST SATURDAY AND
ASSURED THEM ALL THAT THE CONDITION OF PERSONNEL
IN GENEVA WAS FAR BETTER WITH REGARD TO MORALE AND
THAT THE VOLKOV GROUP WOULD NOT BE PREVAILING IN
THE FUTURE.

4. THIRDLY, THE SYG DISCUSSED THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM
PERSONNEL POINTING OUT THAT THE ORIGINAL DESIGNEE
FOR THE NUMBER ONE POSITION (THE BRAZILIAN ABMASSADOR
TO THE COMMON MARKET) HAD TURNED THE JOB DOWN AND
THEY NOW HAD AN ARGENTINIAN (NAR. REICHART) IN MIND,
WHOM HE WAS PREPARED TO APPOINT. SYG REALIZES U.S. WANTS TO
CONTINUE TO HOLD THE NUMBER TWO POSITION AND HE HAS
NO OBJECTION TO THAT. BUT, THE CANADIANS ARE PRESSING
HIM STRONGLY FOR THE NUMBER ONE POSITION (INCLUDING
BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE EXITING AND THE NEW ONE).
THE SYG WOULD APPRECAITE THE U.S. CONSULTING WITH
OTTAWA ON THIS SCORE AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS
THE RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER COULD BE FOR THE
CANADIANS TO HAVE HANNAH'S JOB UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

5. FOURTH, THE SYG POINTED OUT THAT U.S. AND OTHERS
HAD REQUESTED HE KEEP THE OVERALL BUDGET AS LOW
AS POSSIBLE, AND YET THERE WERE THREE RECENT ACTIONS
WHICH MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE: THE BORAD MEETING OF UNCTAD
IN WHICH A NEW LARGE PROGRAM WAS SUPPORTED WITH
NO RESERVATIONS; THE RECENT NOVEMBER 9TH RESOLUTION
OF UNGA FOR EXPANSION OF THE OUTER SPACE PROGRAM,
AND LIKEWISE THE REQUEST FOR AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE
DISARMAMENT DIVISION.

6. FIFTH, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ECHEVERRIA-KISSINGER
MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, HE REQUESTED THAT KISSINGER
CONSIDER (1) PERSUADE THE MEXICANS "NOT TO INSIST
ON A FORMAL CANDIDACY" FOR ECHEVERRIA (WHICH WOULD THEN
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RELIEVE THE CHINESE OF A POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT IN A
VOTING MATTER AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL; IT COULD THEN
BE DONE BY CONSENSUS); (2) TO INFORM THE MEXICANS
OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE AFRICANS IN THE FORM OF THE
OAU HAVE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED SYG'S CANDIDACY AND THE
ASIANS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE NO CANDIDATE
THEMSELVES. "ONLY A FEW OF THE LATINIS" ARE SUPPORTING
ECHEVERRIA, AND (3) THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER INFORM

THE MEXICANS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITED
TO THE SYG FOR HIS RE-ELCTION AND, THEREFORE,
COULD NOT SUPPORT ECHEVERRIA.
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